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Man In The Making

Science and Humanity

PROFESSOR Berry of the University of Melbourne, Australia, in a recent lecture delivered before the Medical Students' Society took as his subject "Man in the Making."

Professor Berry said that from the evidence adduced by geology, osteology, and by the study of man's implements we were forced to the conclusion that man's origin and early development were to be sought in the *stupendously* remote *Tertiary period*; that man had gone on adapting himself to his environment ever since; that he was always on the upgrade. It was a matter of common knowledge that in these days of physical culture it was possible for any human being of even moderate muscular development so to alter that development as to become almost unrecognisable by his friends. What could be done for the *muscles* could *actually* be done for the *brain*, by those various processes collectively termed "*Education*," whether primary, secondary, or higher. These processes continued, during the long ages to come, would probably produce a race of future intellectuals to whom mentally we should be as physically the Neanderthal men were to us. Education increased the size of the brain, University education particularly so, for that was undertaken at a critical time in the life of the individual. The fundamental doctrine of modern socialism, that all men were equal, was totally and radically wrong. Men never

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Death of Dr. J. M. Lamb

ON Wednesday evening, February 21, 1912, the death of Dr. John Melvin Lamb, Professor of Physiology in Howard Medical School, occurred. Dr. Lamb had been associated with the Medical School as a teacher for twenty-five years. The School loses one of its strongest profes-



DR. J. MELVIN LAMB
Late Professor of Physiology, Medical School

sors in the death of Dr. Lamb. Dr. Lamb was born March 19, 1862, in Philadelphia, Pa. He was the son of David Henry and Mary (Wilson) Lamb. He attended the Public Schools of Washington, D. C., and was graduated from the Spencerian Business College in 1879. Afterwards he attended Howard University Medical School, 1881-4, graduating with the degree M. D. in 1884. Dr. Lamb was class valedictorian. From 1886 to 1900 he held the

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Oliver's Proteges Win

Crack Player of the Varsity Develops Fine Team

THE first intercity basketball game for colored girls was played on Saturday night under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A., at True Reformers' Hall, between the Washington Y. W. C. A. girls and the Spartan Athletic club of Brooklyn, N. Y. Washington won by the score of 11 to 6.

The game was played under the A. A. U. rules for men, except that the halves were shorter and the court of smaller dimensions than the regulation size. Playing before the capacity house of the season, the girls exhibited no stage fright, and were thunderously applauded for good points in playing. The Brooklyn girls were outweighed and handicapped by playing on a strange court. They would have put up a struggle far more telling, if the court had been larger, for their speed and experience would have netted them more. The Y. W. C. A. girls were in fine condition and were able to rough it out in genuine boy style. A little more of the fine points of the game and they would be irresistible among girls' organizations. Visiting girls and home girls did quite a deal of holding and pushing, while body checking was noticeable to a large degree, much of which was due to the slippery condition of the floor, and again the weight of the home aggregation counted.

Although generally forgetful of all but the play, incidents of womanly characteristics cropped out. A tendency to laugh when

bested in personal contact was evident. Seriousness of mien was not tense and continual as with boys. One girl in a scrimmage, lost her stocking cap, replaced it and then asked the referee if it "looked" all right. Not a cross word or look prevailed. It was the general impression that girls are the truest sportsmen of them all.

Of individuals, it is hard to pick out those whose work meant most to their organization. The Harris sisters were real Trojans indeed, while the Misses Moore and Trice lacked not at all in effort. Both Skinker sisters were in the game every minute for Washington. Miss Kenny's playing was excellent and her goal shooting from fouls was perfect, not a chance was missed. Miss Sumner was up against a strong player, but she did nobly as also did Miss Piper and Miss Walker. Coach Oliver and Manager Salanear deserve hearty credit and to Miss Lily Skinker, Captain, must go credit for enthusiasm, determination and the qualities that make for success. Messrs. Lattimore of Brooklyn and E. B. Henderson of Washington handled the game to the best interest of sport and in favor of conditions of girl play. Lenience in the interpretation of the rules was

necessary and decisions were fair. Summary:

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| S. A. C. | Pos. | Y. W. C. A. |
| E. Trice | R. forward | L. Skinker |
| B. Harris | L. forward | L. E. Skinker |
| M. Harris | Center | M. Sumner |
| G. Moore | R. guard | I. Kenny |
| G. Harris | L. guard | S. Piper |

Goals from field—Miss B. Harris, Miss Laura Skinker, Miss M. Harris, Miss Lily Skinker, Miss Kenny. The Goals from foul—Miss M. Harris (2). Miss M. Sumner (5). Referee—Mr. G. L. Lattimore, Smart Set Athletic Club of Brooklyn, N. Y. Umpire—Mr. E. B. Henderson. Timer—Mr. Curley. Scorer—Mr. G. Pryor.

Students Volunteer Services

In response to a call by Dean L. B. Moore, twenty-nine students of the University volunteered their services and canvassed the neighborhood of the University in behalf of the Men and Religion Forward Movement in the House to House Canvass. The work, by the students was handled energetically and was completed much to the satisfaction of the leaders of the movement. For this work these students deserve commendation.

Mr. W. H. J. Beckett Addresses the Y. M. C. A.

On Sunday afternoon, February 25th, the Y. M. C. A. enjoyed a treat in having an address by Mr. W. H. J. Beckett, the physical director of the colored Y. M. C. A. of this city. His talk was plain and practical. He took his subject from Hosea, 8:7, "For They have sown to the wind and They shall reap the whirlwind." In treating this subject, he took several Biblical characters and showed in the history of their lives how they had sown the seed of destruction and the reward they received. After the speaker had discussed fully the Biblical phase, he took some of the characters of the present time and showed their rise and fall. He took other characters and brought out the fact that a kindly seed sown here and there will germinate and bear much fruit. The principal thought

was "sow the seed of construction, kindness and, love."

Although the Young Men's Christian forward movement occupied the time of many of the young men in Christian work, the meeting was well attended. All present went away inspired and uplifted by hearing such a noble and strong address from a leader and a man who has had a large experience in the Christian world.

Death of Dr. J. M. Lamb

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Professorship of Microscopy, Histology, and Physiology. From 1900 on he has been Professor of Physiology in the Medical School. The Medical Fraternity and all feel a great loss in the decease of Dr. Lamb.

A Resolution

Resolved, that the sudden death of Dr. J. Melvin Lamb, our esteemed Professor of Physiology, is a shock and a deep loss to the members of the Sophomore class of the School of Medicine of Howard University, no less than to the University and community at large. His faithful devotion to our welfare will always be uppermost in our grateful hearts.

We deplore his untimely death and tender this expression of our sympathy to his family.

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were and never would, be equal in the socialistic sense. Another great *anthropological* problem of the future was the question of *national deterioration*. Until there were within the British Empire a few chairs of anthropology it was almost impossible to obtain the necessary figures as a standard for comparison. From what we know of man's mental powers, and what could be done with physical culture, it could be affirmed that man was not deteriorating. Whether the race was to be to the white man was another, altogether *graver question*. Statistics proved indisputably that the white man in England, France, Italy, Australia, and also, but to a much less extent, in Germany, was *slowly but surely* committing *racial suicide*. Then would come the day of the yellow man, and the history of the invasion of Europe by *Neolithic man* would be repeated. Not perhaps in our day, not perhaps even the days of our grandchildren, but come it would, if indeed the Caucasian inhabitants of Europe, America, Australia, and elsewhere did not learn the lesson which anthropology had to teach them. Within recent years Mendelism had been rediscovered. Mendelism was briefly the application of certain *scientific laws* to heredity. One aspect of this was of special interest to legislators, and to that numerous class that busied themselves with various forms of charitable undertakings. It was not yet proved whether the undoubted physical and mental inferiority of our slum populations was the effect of their miserable

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surroundings, or whether the "unfit" gravitated to the worst places because the more fit occupied the better. These were problems which society had as yet scarcely attempted to face, and yet it was clear that on their correct solution depended the central question of social reform. If man was to any appreciable extent the creature of his environment, then improved conditions will improve him. But if, as heredity suggested, man was almost entirely the product of in-born factors hardly affected by environment, then improved conditions might only encourage the propagation of the degenerate, and the race as a whole might go backward rather than forward. Responsible students were not lacking who maintained that this was already taking place.

Such were a few of the modern problems which the anthropologist was investigating today. One would think they were of sufficiently overwhelming importance to every man and woman in our empire. Yet notwithstanding the colossal size of the British Empire, with its 400,000,000 of white and colored peoples, there was not one single chair of anthropology within the King's dominions, either in England or over seas. Should it be the proud fortune of Australia to fill this lamentable breach, not only in her own pressing interests, but as a lead to the empire, then indeed would she have proved herself worthy of her great motto, "Advance Australia."

Late Winter

Early the Sun didst appear:
Farewell, days crisp and clear!
A warble in yon tree
A small bird offered me—
Frost's requiem!

Old Caravansary
Will miss Customary,
The cold and shaking winds
That the West and North bring,
Or white Winter's hymn.
Will Wimble, Clark Hall

Men's Union Entertains

On Saturday evening, February 24, the Men's Union of the Teachers' College, entertained the ladies of the Teachers' College, in the parlor of Miner Hall. The program consisted of addresses by the President of the Union and some of the members. After an informal social, the company of embryo-teachers assembled around a large T shaped table and enjoyed a splendid luncheon. At eleven-thirty the entertainment ended. Each person present departed agreeing that the evening was well spent.

And They Weren't

"What are those cats named, Bob?" asked a gentleman of a small boy whom he met carrying a cat under each arm.

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EDITORIALS

¶ In these days when an unusually large number of students and professors is on the sick list, the days of such changeable weather, we would bring to mind the declaration of Dr. Wiley to the effect that the human body in health is the greatest of germicides. We are bound to encounter germs and must take reasonable precautions to thwart them. Above all it would seem that the healthy body is the best precaution.

To insure a healthy body prevent being "run down." For emphasis, we tell you to be careful of your eating, the body must be "nourished." Don't allow your

studies to prevent your taking proper exercise or sufficient sleep. This last precaution is as essential as the others, but it means a different thing for different people, as the requisite amount of sleep depends upon the age and constitution of the individual.

Regularity thwarts the petty complaints. The body is like a clock and those clocks keep the best time and go longest, without getting out of order, which are wound at regular intervals. Be regular in all things.

¶ The Alumni Number of the University Record is now out. The number is a magnificent compendium of the acts, deeds and workings of our energetic alumni. Among other things it contains articles by President Thirkield, President Holmes of the General Alumni Association, Dean Miller and Messrs. Shelby J. Davidson, Robert A. Pelham, J. C. Waters, Jr., and Dr. Henry S. Pritchett of the Carnegie Institution. Alumni notes are numerous and altogether with the subscription blank for the Gymnasium fund and a record for all alumni to fill out immediately, the number contains thirty-two pages.

We cannot urge upon you with too great emphasis the necessity of filling out a pledge card or signing the subscription blank for the Gymnasium fund, in the Record. If you love us show it; we take cognizance of the small amounts. Every alumnus should return the data blank—record of himself—in the Record, filled out to the Secretary of the Alumni Association as soon as possible. In this way you aid the Association greatly in the preparation of the catalogue of Howard University Alumni.

¶ The expression "Faithful work is always of the same size" appeared in a recently published article. It opens a world of thought to those who pause long enough to consider such matters, besides offering a generous share of comfort and encouragement to

those who sometimes grow disheartened at the apparent result of their efforts. It is true that the world is not always as appreciative as it might be, but then while the world has a big heart and as a rule, a kindly disposition, it does not always show its appreciation at the moment. It is just this apparent lack of encouragement that makes us lose heart at times and wonder whether after all it is worth while to do our best. The big things in life seem to take up so much room in the public eye that the small and just as worthy matters are crowded out. At least that is the impression that many persons form who see the effects of large efforts whether they be along constructive, charitable or educational lines. In a way these effects are spectacular; indeed there is a large proportion of mankind who require effects to make them display interest in passing events. The quiet unobtrusive worker intent upon the results he accomplishes more than the impression he creates is overlooked many times, and after a while the want of attention given him and the lack of encouragement offered him find expression in his attitude of growing discontent toward life.

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Philadelphia Branch Howard Alumni Association

The name "Sleepy City" no longer attaches to Philadelphia so far as the Howard University Alumni Association of that city is concerned. On February 15, at the Annual Banquet and election of officers every one was wide awake and the University atmosphere was alive with college yells, songs and sounds. Covers were laid for more than one hundred alumni, friends and guests; the early part of the evening was devoted to an informal reception and promenade. Out of town guests included Prof. L. B. Moore, Dean of the Teachers College and Shelby J. Davidson, Esq., Financial Agent Gymnasium Fund. A toothsome menu was a feature of the evening, after which a select program was carried out. The presentation of the gymnasium plan by the financial agent met with an enthusiastic reception and at the close of his remarks, Mr. Chas. H. Brooks moved that the Alumni Association pledge itself to the sum of one thousand (\$1000) for the Gymnasium Fund, which was seconded by Mr. J. C. Asbury and a rising vote unanimously adopted the same. A telegram from Mr.

Robert A. Pelham, Financial Secretary, "Greetings from General Alumni; Howard must have a Gymnasium," was received with round after round of applause. The officers of the Association re-elected for the ensuing year are: Hon. Geo. H. White, President; W. Justin Carter, Vice President; G. W. Mitchell, Second Vice President; Charles H. Brooks, Treasurer; A. Jackson, Secretary; T. M. Nixon, Corresponding Secretary.

The Philadelphia Alumni are certainly in the lead, now for some others to follow in the wake. Let every one of the Alumni Associations get together and pledge themselves; this will unify the effort and crystallize the purpose. We can do it if we will; we can and we will do it. Three cheers for the Philadelphia Alumni.

With the W. C. T. U.

The Demorest Chapter held its regular meeting Sunday, February 18th in the assembly room of Miner Hall. The attendance was large. Prof. Brawley made an excellent address. Messrs. Uzziah Miner, Mason and Stone became members.

The Demorest Chapter has undertaken the support of one child in the Drummon Home in Angola, Africa. The child is to be named "Howard Demorest" in honor of one of the first missionaries to Angola, who is an alumnus of Howard University.

A social will be given next Saturday evening in Miner Hall for the support of said child. All who attend will aid this worthy cause. All are invited.

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A Thought For Today *Theodore Roosevelt*

For in all this world the thing supremely worth having is the opportunity, coupled with capacity, to do well and worthily a piece of work, the doing of which shall be of vital significance to all mankind.

Union-Academy Debate

On March 15, 1912, a debate will be held in Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel between the Academies of Howard and Union Universities. The subject is resolved; That Capital Punishment Should be Abolished. The negative of the question will be upheld by Howard Academy; the team chosen to defend her honors is composed of Messrs. G. E. Hall, N. O. Goodloe and G. B. Washington. These young men are firm in their belief that the students of Union Academy are fully able to send into the field a strong and capable team and for this reason alone they are daily making preparations with an unusual degree of care and thought. The students of the Academy are highly appreciative of the deep spirit of interest which the members of the team have always manifested and our perfect confidence in them has led us to predict a clean victory. We expect the students of the Academy to be always in readiness to do all they can to make the occasion one grand success. We further solicit the hearty co-operation of the entire student body for indeed we mean to do all we can, that the Varsity teams may realize their usual victory. The tickets and advertisements are out and we hope that all who can possibly do so will dispose of some of them for us. J. H. B.

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News From Other Colleges

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The Columbia basket ball team has not been defeated on its own courts since 1908.

There are two imperial universities in Japan but women are admitted to neither.

Small dormitories to hold about 150 students are being planned for Cornell.

At Princeton the undergraduates are trying to abolish compulsory chapel attendance.

The Pulitzer School of Journalism at Columbia will be opened for the first lecture next fall.

Eight hundred and eighty-six undergraduates are enrolled in the Bible classes at Pennsylvania.

The Chinese have the largest representation of the 101 foreign students now at the Mass. I. T.

The new Michigan University athletic clubhouse at Ferry Field has just been completed at a cost of \$37,000.

Princeton will establish a salesroom for the use of students who earn their way through college by the sale of various articles.

A Chinaman captured first prize at the junior oratorical contest of Lehigh University last week. He is Chimin Chu Fuh, of Nan Tiang Kiang Su. Last June he won the largest cash prize given at Lehigh—the Wilbur Scholarship, valued at \$250. Chimin Fuh's subject was the Present Revolution in China.

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Judge Norris with the Law Seniors

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The address was satiety in full. The jurist dealt specifically with the Causes of War; the Balance of Power; Monroe Doctrine; Treaties of Peace and Peace.

"He was champion of the occasion," was the impression left with all.

Other interesting features of the evening were brief remarks from Prof. H. H. Hart and Prof. B. L. Marchant. Music was rendered by the Varsity Quartet, Messrs. Chris Gordon, first tenor; Arthur Grant, second tenor; J. E. Jones, baritone; Otto Bohanan, bass.

"One of the Eight"

The Howard University Comedy Club will present Norman Lee Swartout's, "One of the Eight" at the Howard Theatre, on the evenings of March 28th & 29th, 1912.

This play is a modern college comedy in four acts. It vividly displays college life in all its phases. To the athlete or the supporter of athletics it is a stimulus. Unlike many college plays, it has as one of its leading features a boat race, instead of a foot ball game. This race is one of the most sensational scenes in the play.

The entire proceeds of the play is for the benefit of the Howard University Athletic Association. So it is expected that both faculty and students will help to make it a success.

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The Progressive Deutsche Verein

Among the many language clubs about the University, one of the more progressive is the Deutsche Verein. At the fortnightly meeting on Monday evening the Verein had a most enthusiastic assembly. In addition to the customary German songs and quotations, the Verein enjoyed a lecture by Mr. Mennard of the M Street High School on "The Impressions of German Literature," a cornet solo and a violin solo. The feature of the evening was, however, the German dinner. Although no dishes were served the members present enjoyed themselves in ordering elaborate German meals from polite "Kellners." W. E. T.

I take my heart when I go out,
And that's the way to see
Above and round and all about
The loveliness of glee.
For if you go without it, dear
You'll find it dull, indeed,
And every bloom along the road
Seems but a sorry weed.

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Surgeon Williams's Trip to Meharry

Every year about mid-session, Dr. Daniel H. Williams, the eminent Negro surgeon and physician of Chicago makes a trip to the South and shares with the students of Meharry Medical College and the leading physicians and surgeons of the South the benefit of his acquired experience, skill and technique in surgery. The Meharry students await with eagerness the visit of Dan Williams; the Negro physicians furnish cases from many parts of the South; and the medical array of the country always expects results from the noted surgeon's work at Nashville.

The recent trip to Meharry by the ex-Freedmen's surgeon was a most successful one. Thirty-seven major operations were performed, every one of which was interesting. Advanced methods of surgery were used; modern methods of administering anaesthetics were employed; and, practically, every operation was successful.

Closely associated with Dr. Williams in his work were physicians and surgeons of no little prestige and ability and whose fine assistance, unquestionably, contributed much to the success of the cases handled. The principal co-workers with Dr. Wil-

liams were: Dr. F. A. Stewart, professor of Surgery at Meharry; Dr. R. F. Boyd, also one of the Meharry faculty and one of the leading surgeons of the race; Dr. C. V. Roman, the noted ear, eye and nose specialist; Dr. Josie E. Wells, Superintendent of Hubbard Hospital; and Miss C. C. Hunt, the Head Nurse.

It is of interest to note that Dr. Williams' work is a feature of Meharry Medical College, and, this time, was conducted under the supervision of the newly erected Hubbard Hospital, which, although incomplete, was in splendid condition. With more practical work like this made possible by Dr. Williams' and with the addition of Hubbard Hospital, which has been a long-felt need to supplement the bulk of theory given at Meharry, a new era in the history of the college is expected and a better showing by the graduates is assured.

The visit of the Chicago surgeon and the progress made by Meharry Medical College, naturally, brings to the mind the devout, consecrated, and notable personage who sits quietly and steadily at the wheel of the institution. Dean George Hubbard, M. D. has poured almost fifty years of effective and sacrificing service into the life of the institution. He takes unusual interest in the colored boys not only while they are in schools but after they go out into the world to work. The pride of his heart is the glorification of Meharry and the betterment of mankind.

Unpalatable Daniel

The Rev. Charles H. Spurgeon was fond of a joke, and his keen wit was, moreover, based on sterling common sense. One day he remarked to one of his sons:

"Can you tell me the reason why the lions didn't eat Daniel?"

"No, sir. Why was it?"

"Because the most of him was backbone, and the rest was grit."

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The program harmonized with the spirit of the evening; thereon were two orations—one by E. Clayton Terry, who in timely words spoke on the subject "Dead Yet Speaketh" during which he recalled the memory of Phillips and Douglass; and another "Washington as a Soldier and President," by Thomas B. Neely, which, likewise was rendered to the credit of the speaker.

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Questions: (1) What picture is called "The first picture" of the world? (2) Where is the river of natural ink and how is it accounted for? Read next week's JOURNAL.

Just a Little Personal

"A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men."

If lard is fat, why is gasoline?

No one ever saw the sights that Nassau.

Terry says that he has found his ideal queen.

Pleasants is the social king of the senior class.

One young lady sat in the geology laboratory and gapped in simple harmonic motion, the period of which was two pies into the root of a half night's rest. See Raleigh.

Evans pays fifteen cents every Sunday evening to sit in front of Jason.

Sedgewick says he believes in woman suffrage. What influence Mabel has!

Forbes says he is going to get all of his boys in trim for the Senior Prom.

Martin Luther Crawford is now known as the one and only original "Come Back."

Muscles and Bones certainly keep McKelvie, Parker and Crawford busy these days.

If you saw a fellow leaning against a piano would you say that he was musically inclined?

"It is not the man who runs the fastest, but he that endureth until Commencement." Bell.

George says that had he been near a furnace (Furniss) this winter he never would have felt the cold.

Bannister would not pursue his course on the violin further, in Germany, because first, he may not swim and secondly, he was afraid "Good Friday" would come too often.

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